



Vessel for collecting, transporting, and transferring a body fluid specimen, transfer device, and method of fluid specimen collection.

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#### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In one aspect of the invention, a method of fluid specimen collection comprises the steps of: preparing a site for puncture using an antiseptic; piercing the prepared puncture site using the fluid collection needle; collecting the first body fluid specimen using the device for collecting the first body fluid specimen; collecting the second body fluid specimen using the device for collecting the second body fluid specimen and; selecting the second body fluid specimen for diagnostic testing of the kind that detects the presence of organisms in the specimen. In another aspect of the invention, the vessel for collecting, transporting, and transferring a body fluid specimen comprises: a hollow body having a first and second end; a first seal at said first end; a plunger disposed within said hollow body between said first end and said second end; said plunger providing a second seal; a plunger lock coupled to said plunger; said plunger lock being configured to selectively maintain said plunger at said second end when at least a portion of said hollow body between said first seal and said second seal is at least partially evacuated; said plunger